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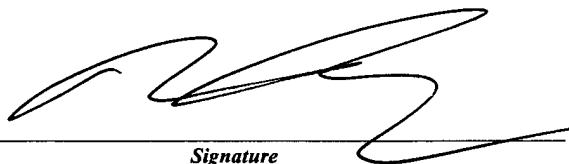
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 4, 2002, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please amend Claims 15 and 18 as follows:

15. (Amended) The dialyzer of Claim 12 wherein the blood inlet is sealed to an end of the dialyzer body.

18. (Amended) The dialyzer of Claim 17 wherein the member includes a plurality of curved vanes.

Please cancel Claims 29-32 without prejudice or disclaimer.

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